

# State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY  
GOVERNOR

## POULTRY MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina's poultry industry is the top agricultural enterprise in our state, with approximately 5,000 North Carolina farm families producing poultry products valued at approximately \$3 billion dollars, according to estimates released by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the poultry industry employs over 28,000 North Carolinians in poultry production, hatcheries, feed mills, processing plants, poultry product wholesaling, and rendering and meat byproduct processing facilities, according to estimates released by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's poultry industry significantly bolsters our state's economy, accounting for nearly 36% of total farm income, according to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's poultry industry provides nutritious, wholesome food to North Carolina consumers and to consumers across America and the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2008, as **"POULTRY MONTH"** in North Carolina and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of the poultry industry in our State.



*Michael F. Easley*  
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.